मंत्रालय की क्षेत्रीय अधिकारी योजना; ग्रामीण विकास कार्यक्रमों हेतु राज्य स्तरीय समन्वय समिति जैसी विभिन्न समितियों द्वारा समीक्षा; जिला ग्रामीण विकास एजेंसियों के परियोजना निदेशकों तथा ग्रामीण विकास के राज्य सचिवों के सम्मेलनों; समवर्ती मूल्यांकनों और वीडियो कांफ्रेंस के माध्यम से मंत्रालय के समस्त कार्यक्रमों की निगरानी की जाती है। इसके अतिरिक्त, राज्य/जिला/ब्लाक स्तरों पर सतर्कता एवं निगरानी समितियां गठित करने की भी निर्देश जारी किए गए हैं। ब्लाक स्तरीय बैंकर्स समिति, जिला स्तरीय समन्वय समिति तथा राज्य स्तरीय बैंकर्स समिति के माध्यम से समय-समय पर बैंकों द्वारा समन्वित ग्रामीण विकास कार्यक्रम के कार्यान्वयन की निगरानी की जाती है।

(ग) जी, हां। कर्नाटक में दस लाख कुओं की योजना तथा इन्दिरा आवास योजना का मूल्यांकन किया जा रहा है।

Assistance for Poverty Alleviation Programme in Bihar

901. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the annual Central assistance for poverty alleviation programme in Bihar;

(b) whether Government have made any exercise to know that extent of utilisation of the allocated funds for implementation of the programme and achievements, particularly in respect of housing schemes for people below the poverty line under the Indira Awas Yojna;

(c) if so, the details thereof stating whether any case of misappropriation of funds has been detected; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) An amount of Rs. 898.88 crore has been allocated by the Centre to Bihar in 1998-99 under poverty alleviation programmes, excluding Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS). While funds are not allocated to States under EAS, an amount of Rs. 158.26 crore has been released to Bihar during April to December, 1998.

(b) to (d) Yes, Sir. As per the latest report available the State has utilized 55.55% available funds till December, 1998. The percentage utilisation of total allocation of funds and physical achievement under different poverty alleviation programmes including Indira Awaas Yojana upto December, 1998 is as under:—

Sl No.	Programme	%Utilisation to total allocated funds	Unit	Physical Achievement
1.	Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY)	59.68	Lakh Mandays	412.04
2.	Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY)	50.16	Houses (Nos.)	76419
3.	Million Wells Scheme (MWS)	33.72	Wells (Nos.)	9680
4.	Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS)	*	Lakh Mandays	270.96
5.	Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA)	11.41	Group (Nos.)	2123

Sl No.	Programme	%Utilisation to total allocated funds	Unit	Physical Achievement
6.	Training of Rural Youth for Self Employment (TRYSEM)	29.29	Trainees (Nos.)	18466
7.	Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP)	33.63	Beneficiaries (Nos.)	113259

* No Funds are allocated State-wise under the programme

Some complaints have been received regarding shortcomings/irregularities in the implementation of Indira Awaas Yojana. These complaints have been referred to the State Government for appropriate action and report to the Ministry.

Embargo on IRDP Loans in garden areas

902. SHRI DAWA LAMA: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any embargo in sanctioning IRDP loans to people residing in tea garden areas;

(b) if not, whether the District Consultative Committee has any authority to impose such embargo; and

(c) if not, the action proposed to be taken by Government to sanction IRDP loans to people of Rungmook Tea State of Darjeeling?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The Government of West Bengal has reported that there is some difference of opinion between Darjeeling Hill Council and the State Government regarding the manner of sponsorship of beneficiaries. The State Government have reported that they are adhering to the principle that the beneficiaries should be sponsored only by the Gram Panchayat while the Council recommends that the Councillor of the DGHC should sponsor. The State Government has further reported that the difference of opinion is yet to be resolved and is still under consideration of the State Government. This Ministry has advised the State Government that the District Administration be instructed to adhere strictly to IRDP guidelines and ensure that eligible beneficiaries are not deprived of benefits of IRDP.

Problem Villages for Drinking Water Problem

903. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise final picture of the latest survey of problem villages and habitations, with regard to drinking water problem;

(b) the number of fully covered and partially covered habitations, respectively, in Punjab, Gujarat and U.P.;

(c) the estimate of funds required for the purpose;

(d) the State-wise funds allocated in 1998-99 for the schemes; and

(e) the State-wise number of villages/habitations proposed to be fully covered by the end of Ninth Five Year Plan and the balance to be carried over to the next Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) and (b) A survey was con-